

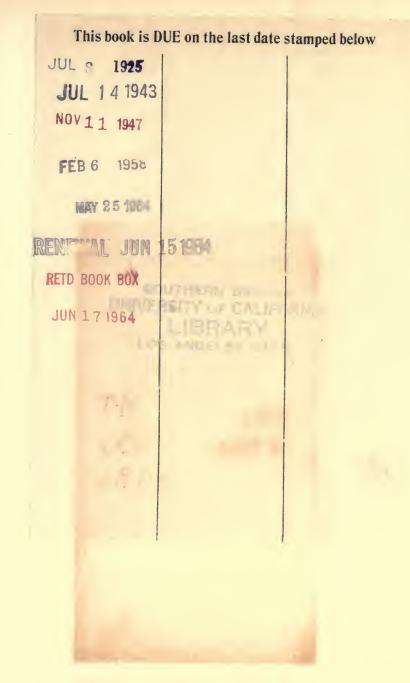
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PREFACE.

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To arouse and to cultivate the child's aesthetic nature, and to create in him a love for the good, the true, and the beautiful, is the main object of art study in elementary education; but if the effort in music stops with the mere elementary steps, if we are to depend upon what he merely hears and repeats from memory, we miss the greatest value in the work. While the child is living in his senses we must take advantage of his love for simple music to induce him to master those elements of notation which will enable him to extend his study into wider and wider fields, and to acquire elements of power which will continue to develop during his whole life.

We must train his ear not simply to hear but to discriminate. We must train his mind not only to receive impressions, but also to create and express, that the creations of his own brain may find a place among the thoughts of other men. Therefore with the rote songs we present matter for use in the cultivation of the ear in the perception of tone relation, and for the cultivation of the eye in the mastery of symbols.

The work is so arranged as to call into activity every power of the mind, and at the same time it is so carefully graded that the child and his teacher experience the keenest pleasure not only in the daily recitation, but in the consciousness of growing power, of higher appreciation, and of purer enjoyment.

This book is intended for use in the second and third years in school.

The group of rote songs constituting Part I., with which the book opens, is simply a reservoir from which the teacher may draw for supplementary material. The Rote Song Book may be used in the same way.

Part II. contains the training for the second year.

Part III. is intended for the third year's development.

Chart B of the Natural Course in Music is to be used with Part II. and Chart C with Part III.

PREFACE.

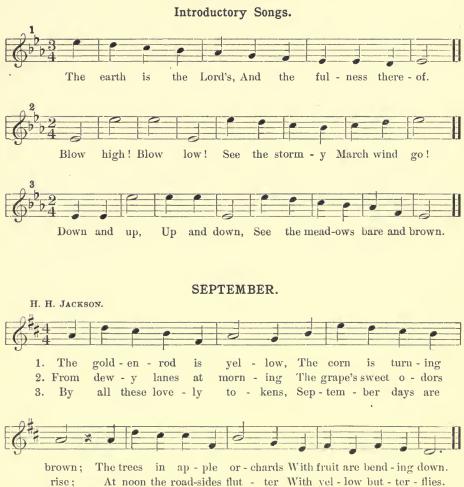
Certain parts of the work depend for success almost entirely upon the repetition of type forms. That is, in ear training it will be found necessary to repeat certain simple tone combinations till they are entirely familiar to the slowest pupils. This fact will account for the reappearance of the simplest elements at different points in the work. The awakening of the power of the mind involved in musical development varies as to time and condition very widely; hence it is that a few bright pupils become leaders and perform for the entire class. This fact is another reason for urging the teacher to devote a few moments to simplest thoughts, with every recitation.

The written dictation and the suggestions for individual work are intended to make the music lesson a matter of individual interest, as well as a profitable class exercise.

The vocal exercises for phrasing and control of the breath, beginning with the very simplest form of exercise in this book, extend through the entire course, and include selections from the best known vocal culturists in the world.

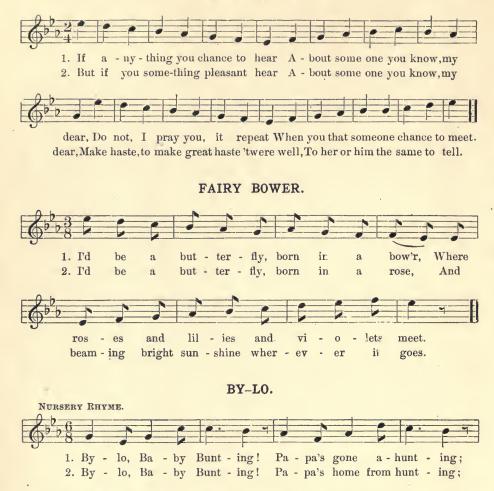
The authors desire to express their thanks to those who have assisted in testing this book; and to Mrs. Emma A. Thomas, Supervisor of Music, Detroit Public Schools, for permission to use selections from the book "Song Stories and Songs for Children."

PART I.



here, With sum-mer's best of weath - er And au-tumn's best of cheer.

PLEASANT THINGS.





GO TO SLEEP, DOLLY.

S. L. F. S. L. F. to sleep, Dol - ly, Now While Ι 1. Go go to sleep, dear; am Ι 2. When you are rest - ed, A walk we will take, And will with you there's noth - ing All to fear. is qui - et, \mathbf{SO} no lit - tle eake. So eud-dle down and buy you а nice my sound you will hear; Go to sleep, go to sleep, Dol - ly, my dear. to sleep, Dol - ly, my dear. lull - a - by hear; Go to sleep, go PUSSY WILLOWS. F. J. St. John. -1. See wil - lows, From their hous - es brown; the pret - ty puss - y 2. You are wel-come, puss - y wil - lows, In your sil - v'ry gown, All the win - ter they've been sleep - ing In their beds of down. For your smil - ing, cheer - ful glan - ces Ban - ish win - ter's frown, Now the warm spring sun-shine bright-ens Earth and sea and skies. Hark! I hear blue - bird sing - ing In his joy - ous a flight, P call - ing, "Wake, dear puss - ies, Soft - ly It time rise." is to And the cro-cus- es are spring-ing Up-ward to the light.

THE SWING.



1. Every music lesson should contribute something to the child's stock of musical ability. He should hear better, think better, sing better, and see better for having had it. This means that the work divides into distinct departments, each having for its object the cultivation of some power which is a necessary constituent of the perfect development of life.

2. The instrument to be used in the work is the voice, and this is to be guided by the ear; hence we begin every lesson with a vocal drill which is also an ear training exercise. The ear training soon becomes a prominent feature, eye training is added, and by gradual progress we presently exercise all the mental powers, but chiefly perception, memory, and judgment. But in all of this the pleasurable nature of the exercise relieves it from irksomeness and heightens its educational value.

The Scale.

3. The rote work (pages 5 to 8) includes several scale songs. When the children sing the scale songs freely, teach the scale as a melody, and give the syllable names to the tones; thus, sing: —



4. Teach the scale downward, because experience shows that that method brings the head tones into use, and avoids all danger of injuring the voice. It also gives the child a greater range and produces a purer and more musical tone.

5. It is well to start with E flat instead of C when teaching the scale, if the teacher's voice is sufficiently high.

6. Daily Vocal Drill. — When the scale is sung freely and the syllables are mastered, use the scale for the opening vocal drill, before singing the rote song; but add to the singing by syllables, singing with loo, boo, o, ä, and other vowel and consonant combinations.

The Next Step; Ear Training.

7. We wish to gain from the scale a more definite mental effect. To do this we require the children to sing up one, for example, from C: —



and holding the tone, Re, to call it Do, thus: ---



then to sing the scale down from the new pitch, thus: ---



8. What the Children feel. — The children get a distinct impression of the character of the scale when they make this change, and though nothing is said to them about it, the fact is they feel the difference in effect melodically between a major and a minor second. They sing up — Do — Re —, Re becomes Do, and when they start down they sing Do — Ti — and the mental impression becomes very vivid.

9. Foundation for Chromatics. — Thus in the very beginning we lay the foundation for a tone discrimination that will make chromatic combinations seem familiar at once.

10. The Scale from Other Pitches. — Having mastered this step, sing Do, Re, Mi, hold Mi, change to Dc and sing down, thus: —



11. The Daily Vocal Drill now consists of the scale from three pitches. It should be sung with great care and tested with a chromatic pitch pipe. On changing the scale from one pitch to another, the pipe should not be used until the change has been made.

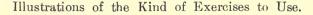
Perception of Descending and Ascending Scale Successions.

12. Immediately upon the mastery or even partial mastery of the previous step, the children should be trained to perceive whether the succession of tones is descending or ascending. The teacher sings: —

and says "What did I sing?" The children reply, "The scale." Then she calls attention to the fact that she sang *down*. Then she sings the scale up: —



and draws from the children the fact that the succession of tones in this case is said to progress from lower to higher, or upward. Having established the idea of descending and ascending successions, she gives daily dictation exercises, singing the tones with loo and asking the children to tell in what direction the tones progress.







13. In these exercises it will be noticed that the succession at first is long, including the entire scale, and that it continues in one direction to the end; that as the exercises progress they become shorter and also progress down and up or up and down in the same example. This illustrates the line of development, and shows that the advancement is in the line of fewer and fewer tones until a succession of only two tones is heard — this being the point of greatest difficulty. When the children readily distinguish between Do, Re and Do, Ti, the work is well advanced.

Oral Dictation.

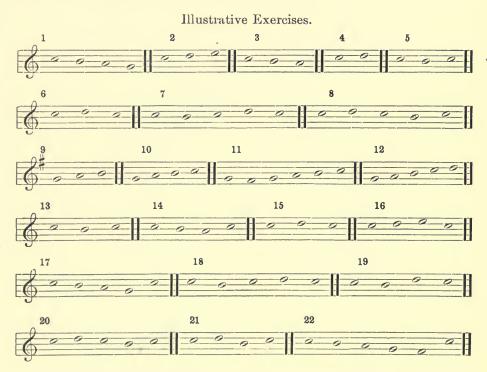
14. Having established the power to discriminate between descending and ascending successions, the teacher extends the child's power to hear and to discriminate till he can tell not only in what direction the succession progresses, but what the tones used are. That is, after the teacher has sung:—



using the syllable loo or ä, she asks the children to sing the same exercise, naming the tones. If the names of the tones of the scale have been well fixed, the children will readily respond by singing Do, Ti; or Do, Re.

15. How the Exercises are Graded. — The difficulty of this exercise, like the other, depends upon the number of tones used. In the beginning, therefore, sing a succession sufficiently long to establish clearly that the tones are a part of the scale, and gradually introduce exercises containing but two tones. This exercise continues through the entire course, and is

developed so as to include chromatic as well as diatonic intervals, in all forms of meter and rhythm.



A careful study of these exercises will make clear the principle involved in the development of this work, and will enable the teacher to extend it indefinitely.

Written Dictation.

16. Written dictation should follow immediately upon the establishment of ability to give the simpler oral dictations. In this exercise the teacher calls upon the pupils to write upon the blackboard the simple exercises which have just been taken as Oral Dictation.

The teacher draws a staff on the blackboard within easy reach of the pupils, and places the clef, the signature if any, and also the Do; then she sings a simple succession of tones and calls upon the pupils to tell what the tones are; then, when the tones have been correctly named, she calls upon a pupil to come to the board and represent them on the staff. Illustration: the teacher places clef, signature, and Do, thus:—



on the board. She then sings : --

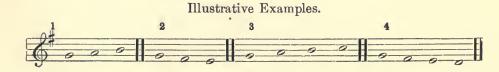


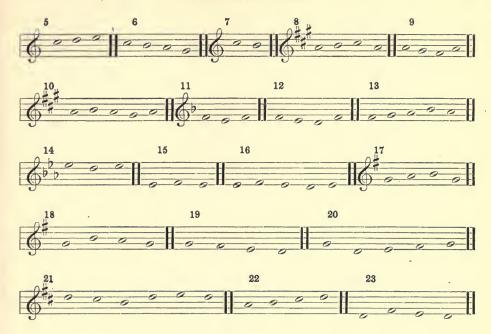
and the pupils immediately respond with : ---



Then the teacher calls attention to the first note, which she informs them is Do. She asks if the tones progress up or down, and on getting the correct answer she asks a pupil to put notes on the staff to show what tones were sung.

The effort of the children will establish clearly every principle involved in music notation. This dictation differs from oral dictation (1) in having a more frequent change in the position of Do and (2) in the avoidance of wide skips for a longer time.





The teacher will readily perceive how the exercises may be infinitely varied, but she must have some definite point to establish with each lesson. This will be suggested to her by the chart exercise. For instance, if the chart exercise is a study of *Sol*, Sol may become the center of interest in the dictation exercise, and by following in a general way the exercise on the chart she will establish the point. She should, however, not be guided by the position given to Sol in the chart exercise, but should vary the position constantly.

In a single lesson three or four examples are sufficient. Thus the following would be enough for a single attempt.



In a few days exercises already taken may be repeated, and with greater benefit than when they were first tried, as constant repetition and perfect familiarity with a few simple forms are more valuable than vague, indefinite advanced work.

17. Chart Work.— Chart Series B of the Natural Music Course should be used in connection with this work, as a general guide to the development of the year's study.

Metric Dictation.

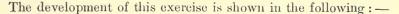
18. The ear must be trained not only to distinguish the scale relation of tones, but also to recognize the movements which characterize the various meters and rhythms.

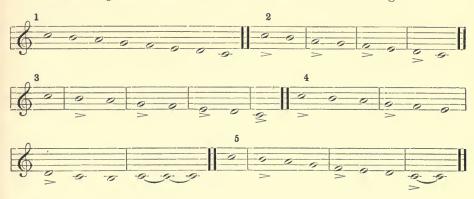
19. Meters and Rhythms. — By meters we mean the various arrangements of accents, as indicated by the measures in the written music. By rhythms we mean the various arrangements of tones within the measures, by means of which motives, phrases, and periods are characterized.

We first consider meter in its two simplest forms: namely, two part and three part.

A general idea of meter must be first established in the child's mind. This is done in connection with the rote songs, and finally and definitely by calling attention to the accents in such simple exercises as the scale and diatonic melodies derived from it.

20. How to begin. — (1) Sing the scale without accents, asking the pupils to press a finger on the top of the desk for each tone sung. (2) Sing the scale with alternate strong and weak tones, and ask the children to press heavily when the strong tone occurs and lightly for the weak one. (3) Have the children sing, accenting and marking the accents with the finger. (4) The same exercise, but with accents changed, as in Ex. 3, on the next page. (5) The same exercise, but applied to three part measure, that is, giving a strong accent to the first tone, less to the second and third, then giving a strong accent again to the first of the next three, and so on.



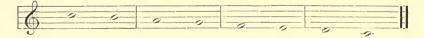


Such simple exercises as the above should form a part of each day's oral drill.

21. Written Metric Drill. — When the children readily distinguish the simple forms of meter indicated above, the teacher may write diatonic successions on the board, and after singing them with strong accents, allow the pupils to place the bars — teaching incidentally that the strongly accented note comes after the bar. For example, the teacher sings : —



and a child places a bar before each accented note, thus : ---



It will instantly occur to the teacher that this rule is of limited application in various ways; for example, the first accent is not indicated by a bar—but this is a matter that gives the child no difficulty, and a word of explanation sets all inquiry at rest.

This little exercise should form a part of every lesson till the idea is fully established; then occasional recurrence to it will be sufficient.



In this exercise, tones which require more than one beat should be represented as above, so that the note values will be easily understood. The ties should be put in by the children in accordance with the way in which the teacher sings. After the ties are placed, the notes and ties may be replaced by a single note giving the required value, and thus a secondary but important fact of notation may be impressed on the mind.

The Next Step.

22. The children are now prepared to give the scale relation of the tones which they hear, and to recognize meters; they are also prepared to express simple musical ideas in the standard notation, and to interpret similar expressions at sight.

23. The Meter Mark now becomes a natural and simple means of indicating the distribution of accents. This is important, as it also requires the child to observe the kind of notes used, and teaches him much that helps rapid sight reading.

24. Exercise for Use of Meter Mark. — The teacher writes the exercise, omitting the bars and meter signature. She then sings the tones, giving very marked accents. The children first place the bars, and afterwards from an examination of the measures select and place the meter mark.

25. Names of the Notes. — Teaching the names of the notes is incidental to this exercise, and should be done by simply calling each note by its correct name.



Rests.

26. The teacher will be guided by the exercises in the book, and when rests are introduced the oral lesson should also contain rests.

27. Use and Names of Rests. — The use and the names of the rests are incidental to their introduction, but great emphasis should be placed upon the fact that rests in music correspond to the marks of punctuation in literature. They indicate the meaning and assist in expression; but as assistants are altogether secondary — yet to be regarded if an *exact* interpretation of the thought is to be given.

28. Caution. — Never allow children to say REST when a rest occurs in the music, but rather call attention to the sense of the exercise, and show that the rest is a most natural and necessary thing at the particular point where it occurs.

29. Exercises as Wholes. — This requires the teacher to present each excreise as a whole and not as a series of unrelated tones. To this end she may call attention to the number of measures in the excreise, and show how

it naturally divides into parts, and that the rest is a natural and simple means of indicating the division, thus: ---

Example of Use of Rests.



Intervals.

30. Intervals, like rests, are incident to the expression of thought. The teaching of intervals as displayed in Charts A and B, shows that all quick interval taking depends upon three elements, namely, (1) Knowledge of the scale as a whole; (2) Knowledge of the tones as individual members of the whole scale; and (3) Knowledge of each tone in relation with every other tone in the scale. These three fundamental bits of knowledge become elements of power, and the practice of the exercise which establishes this knowledge and power can never be safely neglected. Hence, with every lesson, some work should be done with the scale and its tones.

31. Chart Work. — For this work the teacher must depend upon the chart and not upon numeral dictation or hand signs, though she may supplement her work with these; but when the exercises are taken up the application of the chart drill must be clearly in mind. Thus, having taught the tones in relation to Do, the teacher must see the application in the exercise. Example: —



Here the relation is obvious. In more advanced work the same principle is always present, though not so easily seen. If this simple matter is understood rapid sight reading becomes very pleasant and profitable.

ORDER OF THE LESSON.

1. Vocal Drill.

Scale down and up, with syllables and vowels. Rote song.

2. Ear Training.

Changing the Do.

Oral tonal dictation.

Oral metric dictation.

3. Eye Training.

Written tonal dictation.

Written metric dictation.

4. Interval Drill, from chart.

5. Exercises in Book.

Exercises without words.

Exercises with words.

6. Song.

The experienced teacher will soon be able to keep the various elements of the work in hand without taking every one of these exercises with each lesson, but while numbers 1 and 2 should never be omitted, 4 and 5 will form the main features of each day's advancement.

Occasional written dictation in which each child writes what he hears, on paper, and individual singing, should not be omitted.

The original melody writing which is the natural product of the dictation work should be encouraged.

The songs are such as may now be read by the children. A few accompaniments are added for the use of those teachers who have a piano in the room. In large schools having a piano in the hall, it is found to be a very interesting and beneficial exercise to take the children to the piano occasionally and allow them to sing the songs with the accompaniment.

Using the Book. — The plan of work supposes that the teacher will have the preliminary steps, such as scale work, car training, oral and written dictation, and chart work, well in hand by the first of November, and that at about this time she will be able to take up the reading from the book. The difficulties connected with the handling of a book by children of this age will make the progress slow at first, but as the children become more proficient the material may be used more freely, and when the lessons are once completed there will still be time for reviewing them, and for securing a more easy, rapid, and musical rendering of each little exercise and song.

It frequently occurs that the teacher can not readily cover every point of a full lesson at a single recitation. In this case part of the elements are omitted, and it generally occurs that the book work, coming last, is most frequently neglected. That it may be occasionally neglected without harm there is no question, but too great a neglect of this work will hamper the teacher of the next grade; the teacher should strive, therefore, to give the book work its proper proportion of time and effort.

When taking the exercises let each child hold the book with the left hand, allowing the edge of the book to rest on the desk, on which the right hand is extended before him. The meter is marked by the movement of a single finger of the right hand.

The terms used, as staff, clef, etc., should not be explained but applied in a natural way, to the things which they indicate.

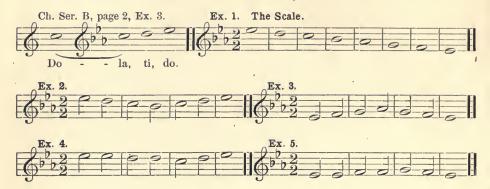
The child can not be too familiar with his Do, Re, Mi; but he should at once accustom himself to sing without it. The simple exercises are especially adapted to cultivating the power to sing the tones without giving the names. Thus, the instant the child glances at the exercise he sees a part of his scale; if his thought is rightly directed he will get the meaning of the exercise at once.

The words may be read in concert, then the notes examined. The words and music should then be attempted together. Should the children fail to sing the words and music readily, sing the melody alone with loo, and then use the words. Should the children fail to sing the melody with loo, fall back on the syllables, then retrace the steps and end with the words. PART II.



The meter signature is $\frac{2}{2}$. Each complete measure contains two half notes or their equivalent. $(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$), $(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array}$).

Practice from Chart Series B, pages 1, 2 and 3, forms a part of each day's work. A special chart page is indicated for study with each lesson.

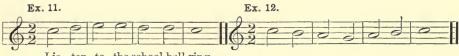


In the following lesson the meter signature is $\frac{3}{2}$. Each complete measure contains three half notes or their equivalent. $(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \end{array}$



Ch. Ser. B, page 1, Ex. 1 and 2.





Lis - ten to the school bell ring.











o. DOTTED NOTE. A dot increases the value of a note by one half. o. equals SIGNATURE OF C MAJOR,



Ch. Ser. B, page 1, Ex. 3; page 4.







SING A SONG.



1. Dear rob-in, rob-in in the tree, Please sing a mer-ry song for me! 2. Dear lit-tle child, I'll sing for you, As long as sum-mer skies are blue.



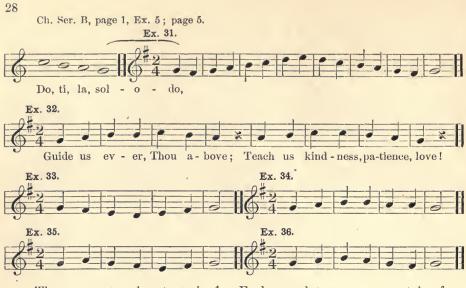




QUARTER NOTE. \bigcirc HOLD. The hold increases the length of the tone at least one beat. \searrow QUARTER REST.

The meter signature is $\frac{3}{4}$. Each complete measure contains three quarter notes or their equivalent. $(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \end{array}$





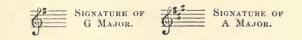
The new meter signature is $\frac{4}{4}$. Each complete measure contains four quarter notes or their equivalent. $(\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow), (\circ), (\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow).$

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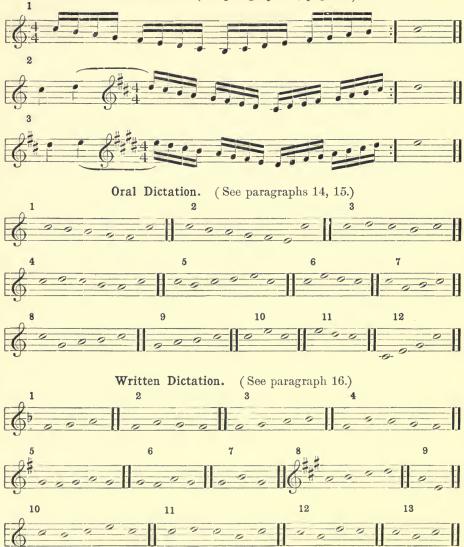




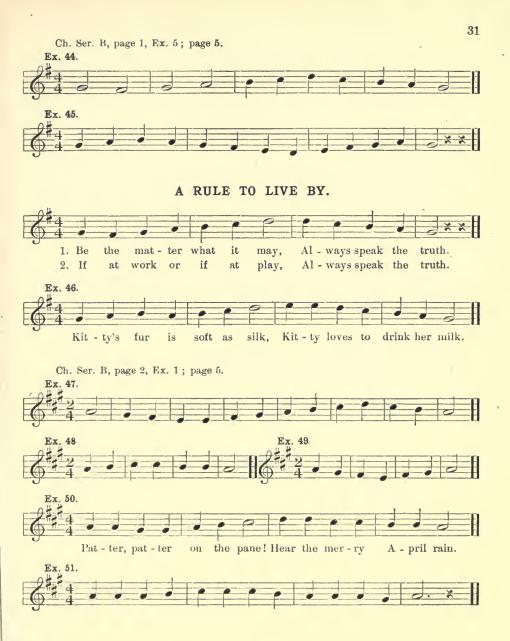




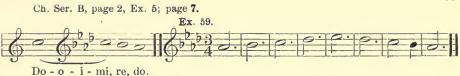
Vocal Drill. (See paragraph 11, page 11.)















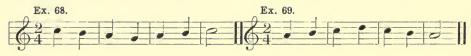


2. See it bend the branches low; See it drift the fall-ing snow.

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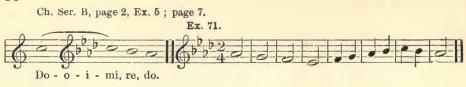








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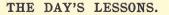


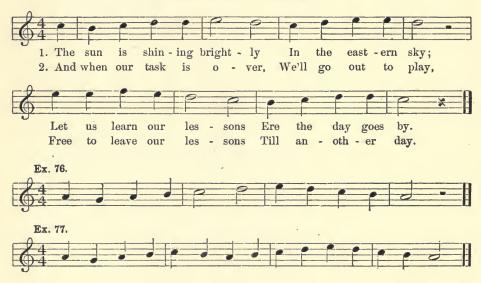


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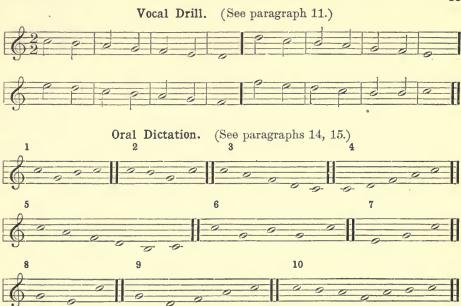








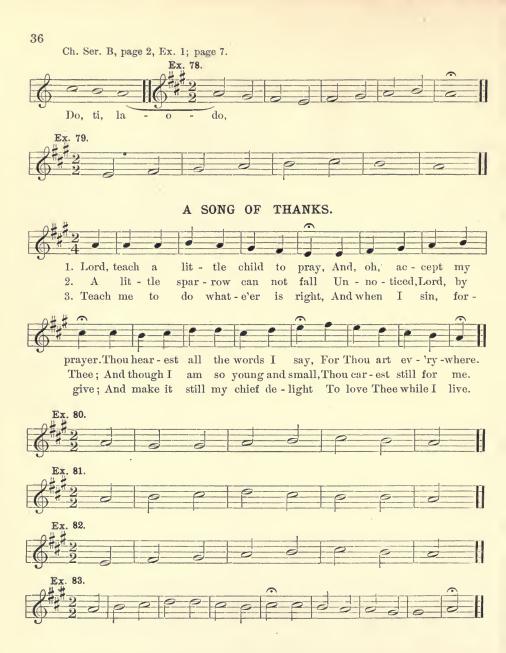
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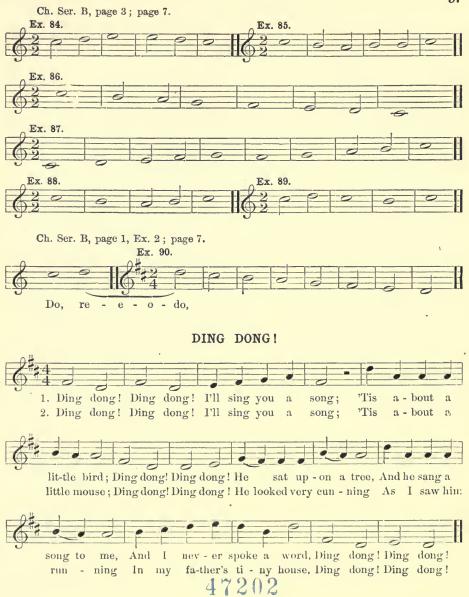


Written Dictation. (See paragraph 16.)

Experience shows that the kind of note used in the exercise can be varied without causing confusion. When the whole note and half note have been used freely, the quarter note should be introduced and used in the dictation exercises.

















LADYBIRD.



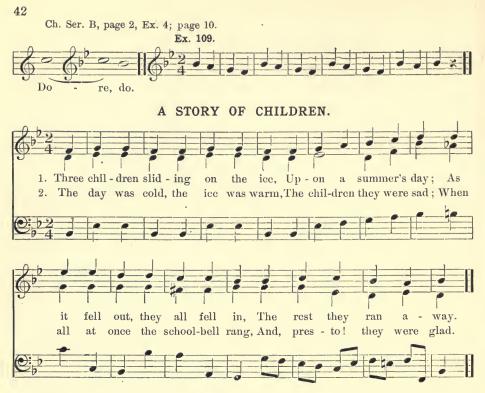


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Vocal Drill. (See paragraph 11.)



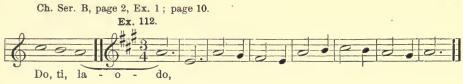


The new meter signature is \S . Each complete measure contains the value of three eighth notes (\searrow).



C Eighth Note. 7 Eighth Rest.

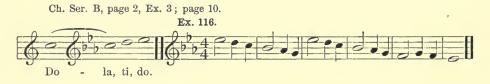




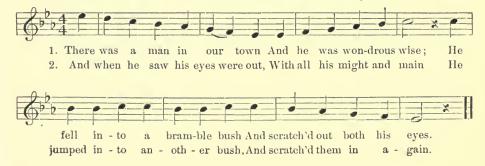






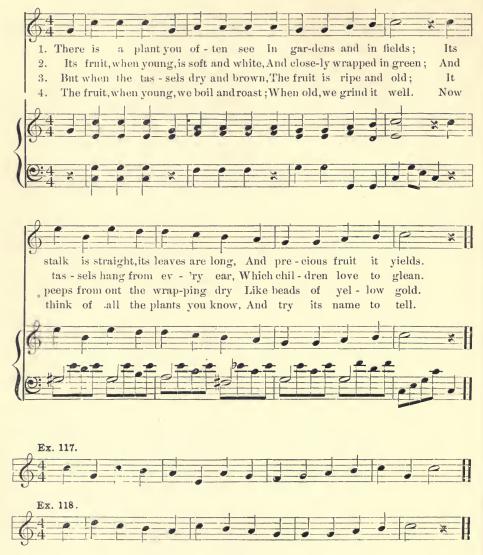


A WONDERFUL MAN.



PUZZLE SONG.





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 \frown The. Two notes joined by the tie are sung as one note having their united values. P equals P; and P equals P.



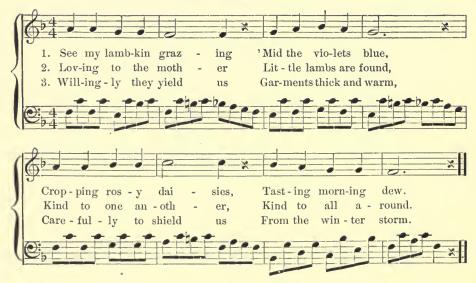


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THE LAMBKIN.

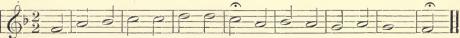


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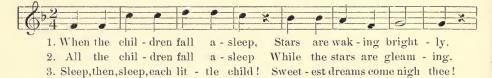




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SLEEP SONG.



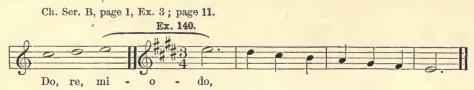


Down-ward then, their watch to keep, An - gels flut - ter light -An - gels faith -ful watch will keep Shut thine eyes in slum -ber mild,

ly. O'er them sweet-ly dream - ing. God is watch-ing by thee !







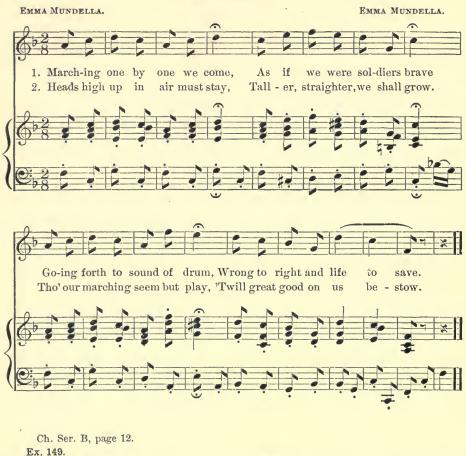




Note the new meter signature $\frac{2}{8}$. Each complete measure contains two eighth notes or their equivalent. (\searrow), (\bigcirc ₇), (\bigcirc).



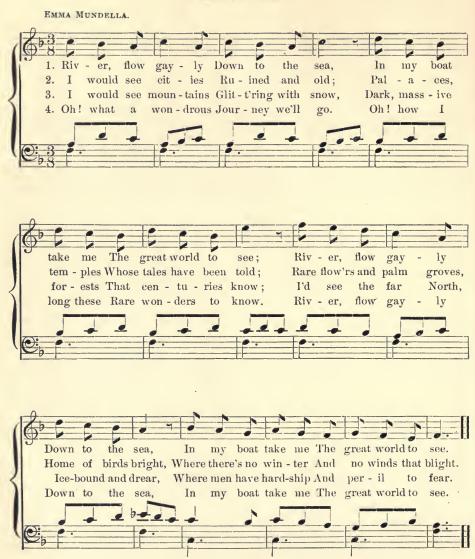
MARCHING.







A RIVER SONG.



I SAW A SHIP A-SAILING.











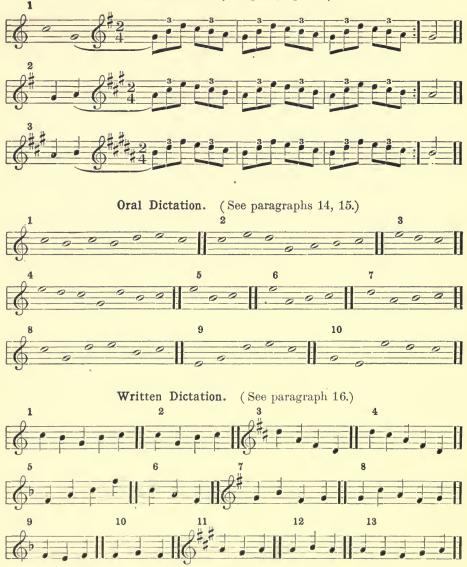


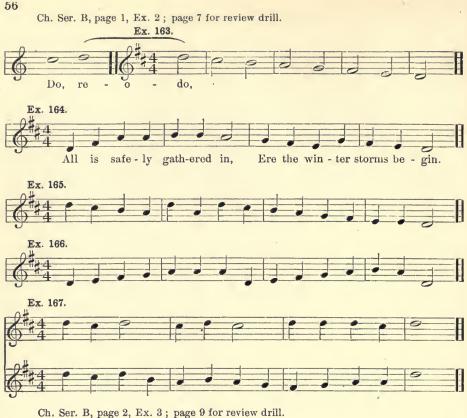


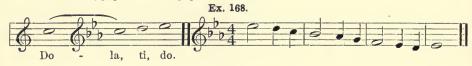




Vocal Drill. (See paragraph 11.)

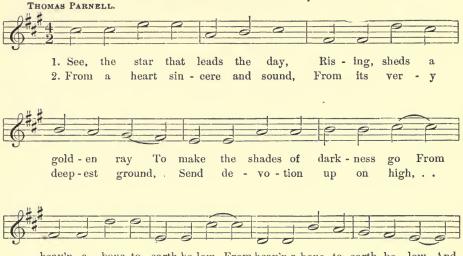






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MORNING HYMN.

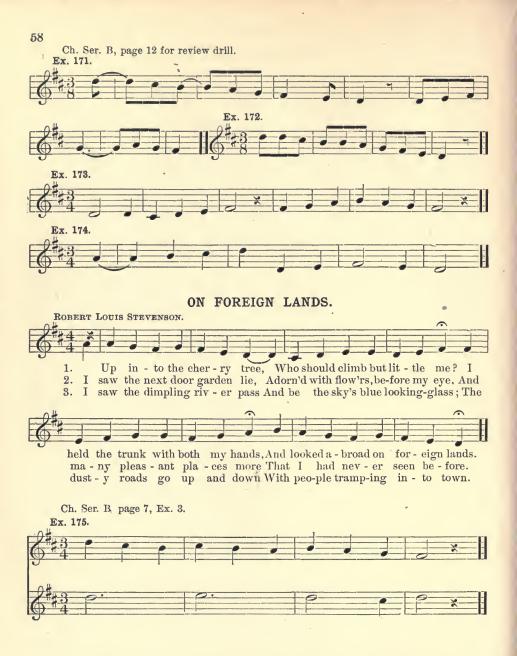


heav'n a - bove to earth be-low, From heav'n a-bove to earth be - low, And Wing'd with heat to reach the sky, Wing'd with heat to reach the sky;.



warn us ear - ly with the sight, To leave the beds of si - lent night. See, the time for sleep has run! Rise be - fore or with the sun.



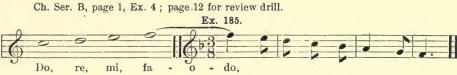


BUSY BEE.



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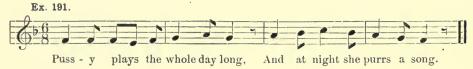
Note the new meter signature §. Accent the first and fourth beats.











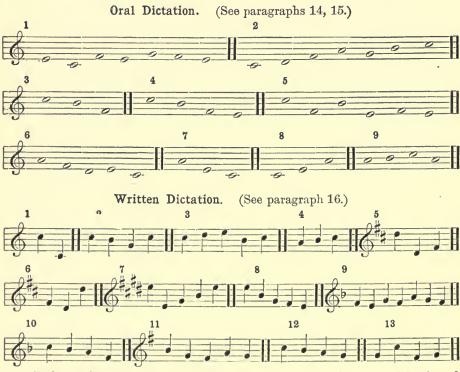






The vocal drills may be taken from various pitches, but when the range of the drill includes a full octave, as does the above, the teacher should not start with a pitch higher than that given in the printed exercise.

Vocal drills should be taken with the syllables Do, Re, Mi, etc., and with vowels as ä, o, oo.



Before taking the octave the location of the two Do's should be found by the pupils.







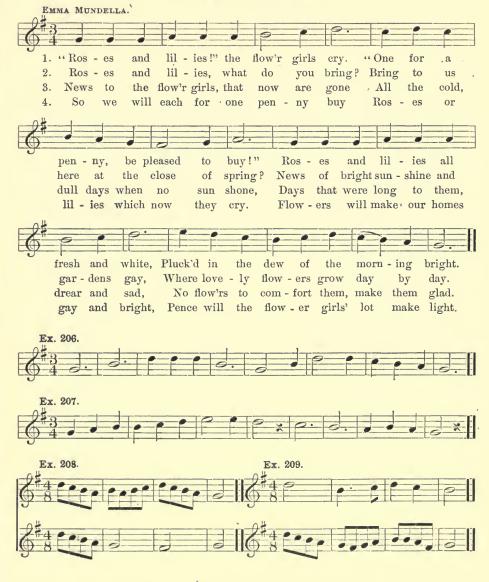








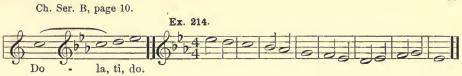
THE FLOWER GIRLS.



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LITTLE WHITE LILY.





THE LEAVES HAVE A PARTY.

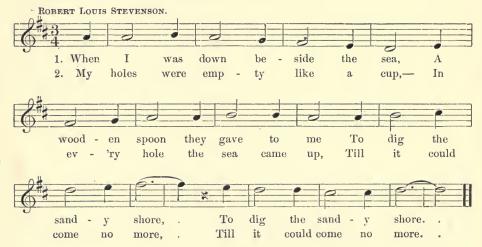
The leaves by 1. No - vem - ber gave par ty; hun - dreds a 2. The Chest - nuts low, The Oaks in crim - son came in vel hide - and - seek they 3. Then in the rust - v hol - lows, At came,-The Chest - nuts, Oaks, and Ma - ples, And leaves of ev - 'rv dressed, The love - ly Miss - es Ma - ple In scar - let looked their sun - down, And ev - 'ry - bod - y played; The par - ty closed at sun - shine spread a car - pet, And ev - 'ry - thing was name. The All bal - anced to their part - ners, And gay - ly flut - tered best. stayed. Pro - fes - son Wind played loud - er, They flew a - long the grand; Miss Weather led the dan - cing; Pro - fes - sor Wind, the band. by; The sight was like rain - bow New - fall - en from the sky. a ground; And there the par - ty end - ed In "hands a - cross, all round." Ex. 215.







BESIDE THE SEA.



PART III.

For the order of the lesson and full directions see pages 21, 22, 9–20. The vocal drills and dictation exercises given in the Part II. should be taken as review month by month with this work. Additional oral tonal dictations are given with each section of the third year work. The written dictations, tonal and rhythmic, may be selected from the simpler sight reading exercises.

The order of the lesson and the chart work should be faithfully adhered to.

Chart C presents elements for ear and eye training which are not fully developed in the exercises and songs of this book; that is, the book is made up of such material as should be read freely and with pleasure, while the ear and eye are being prepared for what is to come later in the course. Thus we secure the child's interest and pleasure, and avoid contact with that which would be too severe for free and enjoyable exercise.

Chart Series C should be followed page by page to the end; beginning with September two pages should be mastered each month. But the exercises in this book call for special drills, and these are indicated by chart references in connection with the lessons in which the drill will be applied.

The thought contained in these exercises and songs is similar to what precedes; but it is more developed here. The exercises should be sung fluently. Sing as soon as possible with a neutral syllable (loo or la).

Frequent practice should be given in repeating an exercise without looking at its representation.

This trains the memory both in sound and in representation.



The Evenly Divided Beat.

Young pupils tend to give a beat to each tone. To correct this, require them to hold the finger down while they sing two tones, then raise it slightly and quickly, and put it down again, and sing the second two while the finger is held still.

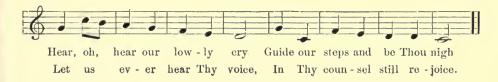
Experience seems to show that children learn more easily if downward 'beats alone are counted; thus, a two-part measure may be indicated by *down*, *up*; but *down*, *down*, is more effective, especially if a slight sound is made by the finger on the top of the desk.

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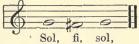
Lis - ten from Thy throne a - bove; All our needs are known to Thee;



2. Young and err - ing chil-dren we,

Chromatics.

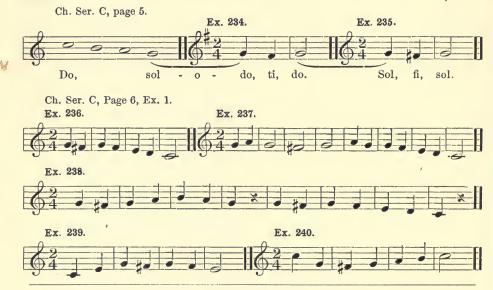
A chromatic is frequently introduced between four and five of the scale. This tone is called Fi (fee), or sharp four (#4). It is easily sung from Sol, or five.



Sol, Fi, Sol in one key is identical in sound with Do, Ti, Do in another, so that we can use Do, Ti, Do while learning Sol, Fi, Sol, thus: ---



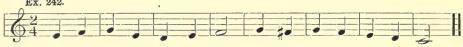
Sing Do, Ti, Do, and then Sol, Fi, Sol, on the same pitches, and the chromatic is soon learned.



A sharp placed before a note as in Ex. 235, is called an accidental. It affects the pitch of the degree of the staff on which it occurs, but its effect does not extend beyond the next bar.



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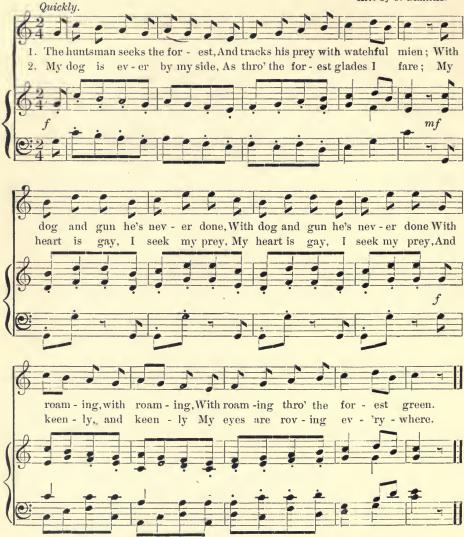


THE CORN SONG.



THE HUNTSMAN.

Folk melody. Arr. by J. BRAHMS.



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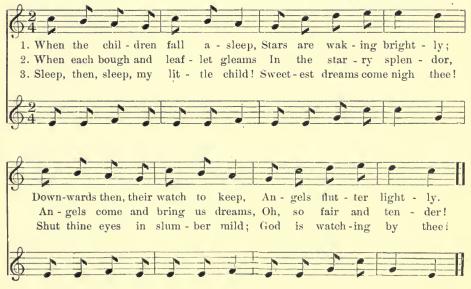
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AMALIE FELTHENSAL.





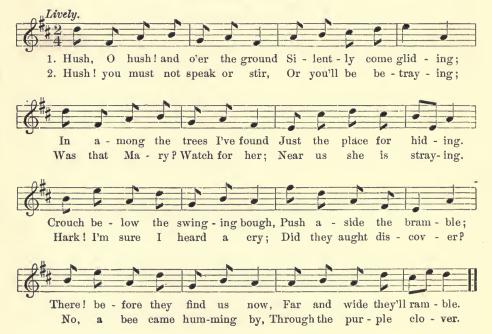
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HIDE AND SEEK.



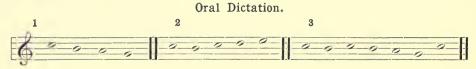








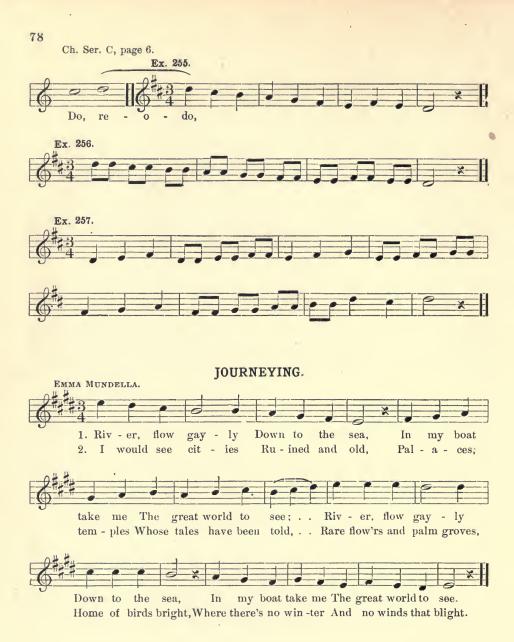


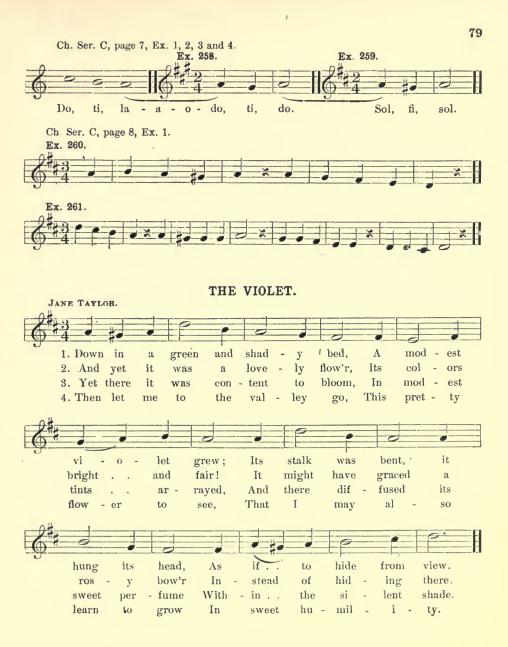


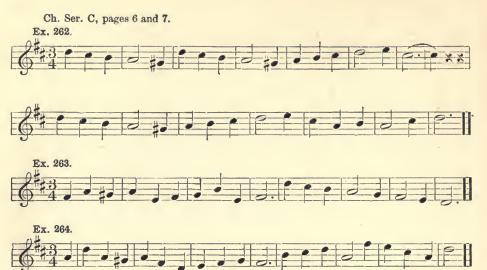




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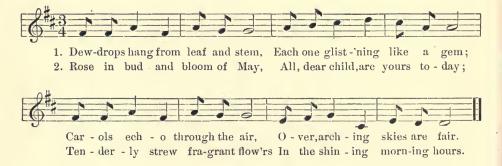








MAY SONG.



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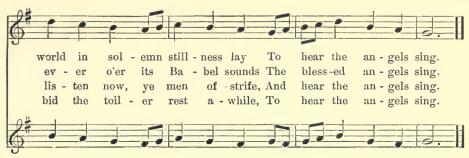




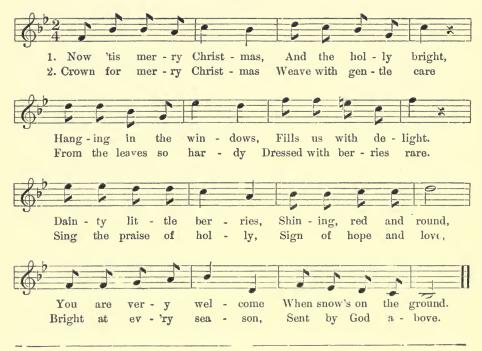


IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR.

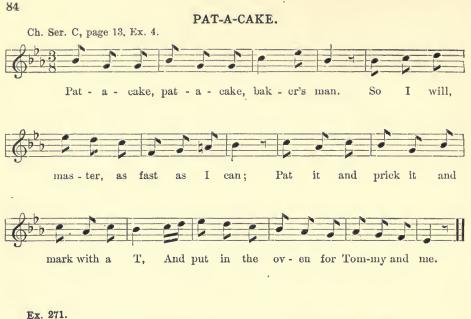




HOLLY.



Here are four beats to a measure.







THE DAY IS BRIGHT AND SUNNY.







Ex. 277. $b^{b} - 2$ $a^{b} - 2$ a^{b}

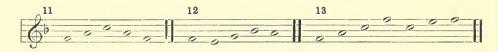


Oral Dictation.

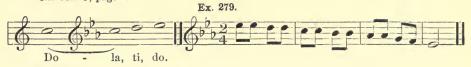








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A SONG OF AUTUMN.

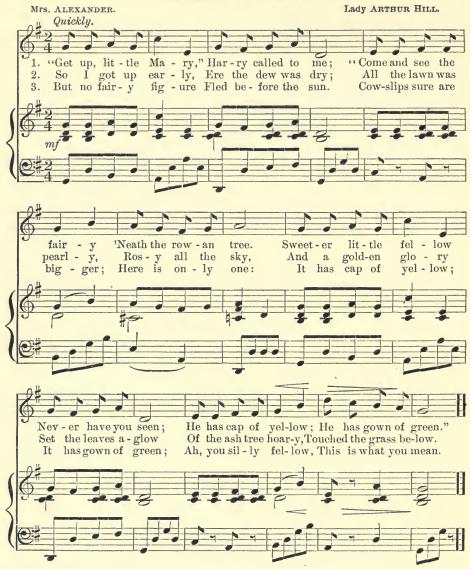


I climb the trees at morn-ing hours, 'Tis al - ways Au-tumn's
 Hur - rah! how blithe the ech - oes ring In wood-lands green and
 You know me well—the Au - tumn gay, At rest I ne'er can



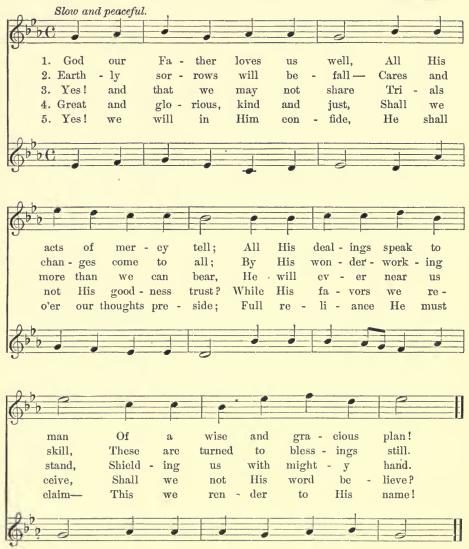
will! I come, the Au-tumn blithe and free, With joy your breasts to fill. way! Ripe ap - ples fall in heav-y show'rs, And pears as sweet as they. still, Where thro' the branch-es leap and spring The squirrels at their will. be, Hal - lo! hal - lo! they call a - way, And blithe-ly fol - low me!

AN EARLY COWSLIP.



GOD OUR FATHER LOVES US WELL.

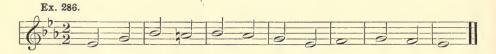
FRANZ MAIR.



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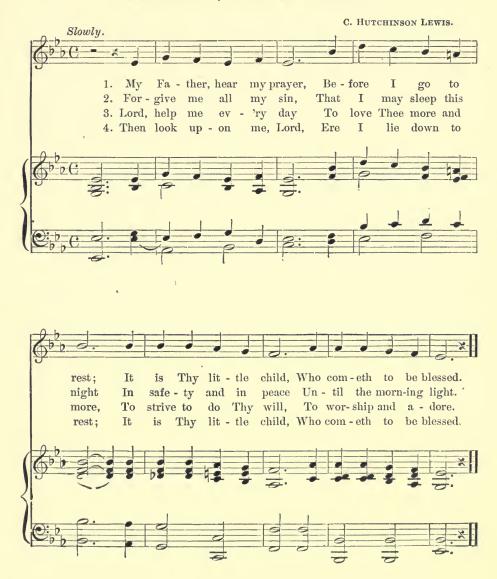








MY FATHER, HEAR MY PRAYER.



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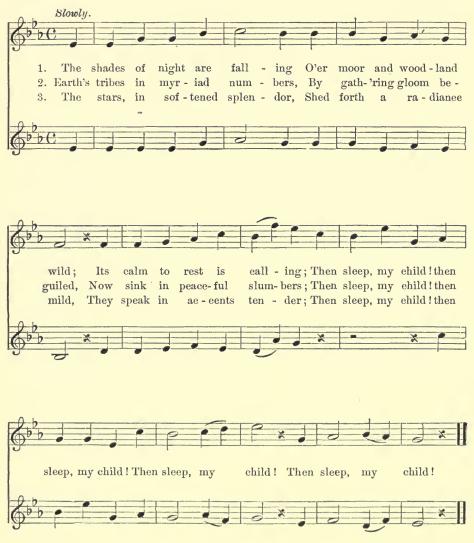






THE SHADES OF NIGHT ARE FALLING.

F. GARTH.

















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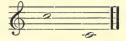




Dictation.

The form of the dictation exercise may now be varied in the following manner.

The teacher may give the pitch C and ask the children to sing the scale down from this pitch. She may then call for the octave down, and the children should respond with

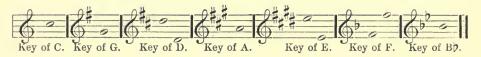


Next the octave up may be called for.

Having sung the scale and the octave from C, the pitch D may be given and the scale and octave from this pitch called for, after which E may be taken as the starting point and the same course pursued.

Thus the terms scale and octave come to have a very definite meaning to the child, and he will soon be able to write from similar dictation any series of notes which the teacher calls for, affixing the proper signature in each case.

It has worked well, as a means for teaching the key signatures, to place upon the board in a convenient position all of the common signatures in both sharps and flats together, with the key note and the name of the key indicated. Thus the blackboard would bear the following,



and so on up to the key of A^{\flat} .

By constant reference to these the children become expert in the use of signatures, and much time and labor are saved.

When the children are familiar with the key signatures it is possible to secure the correct writing of scales, octaves, and brief tonal successions from direction. Thus "Write the scale from D," would be an entirely clear direction, and the children would respond by placing the key signature correctly before writing the notes.









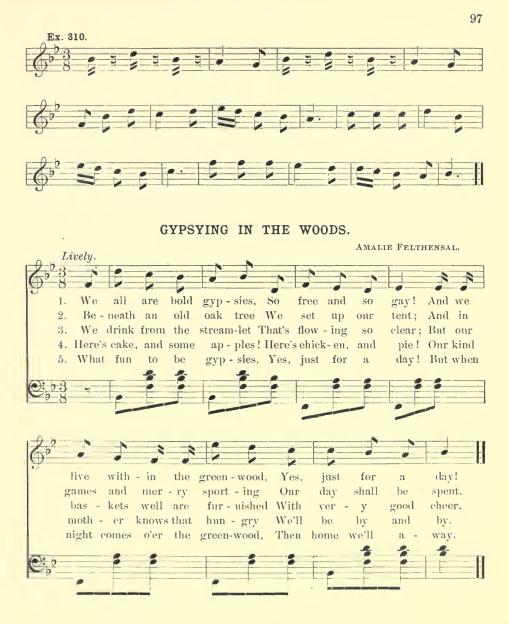








SIXTEENTH NOTE. 3 SIXTEENTH REST.











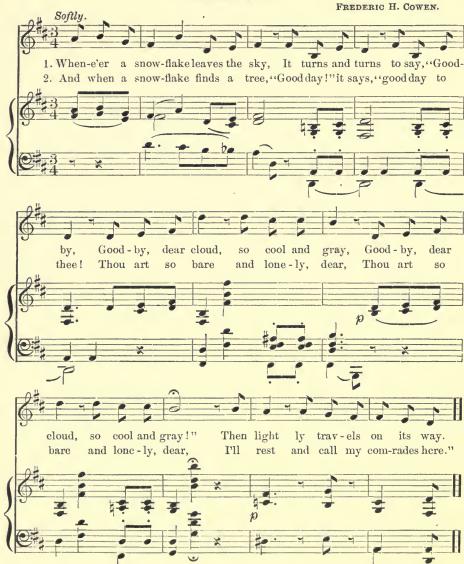








SNOWFLAKES.





A BIRD'S SONG.

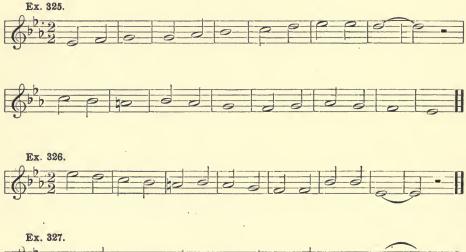


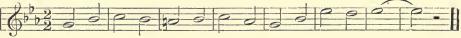


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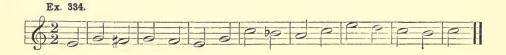
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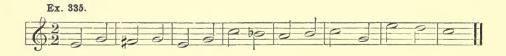
Write the scale down from D. (2) Write the octave down from
 (3) Write the scale up from D. '(4) Write the octave up from D.
 (5) Take the same exercise from Eb, F, and G.





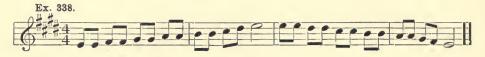


















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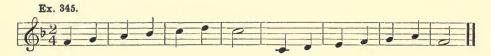


















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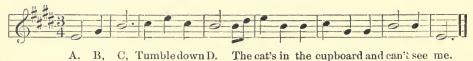




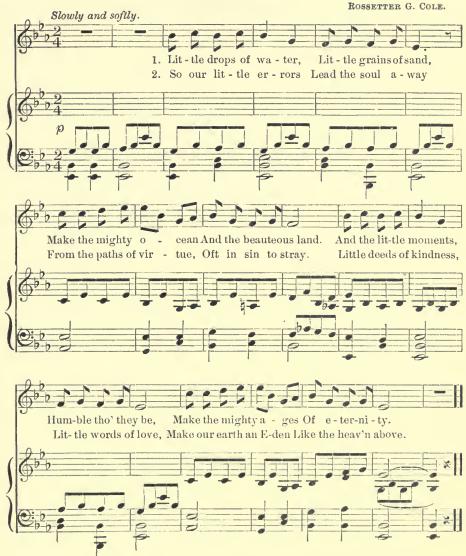


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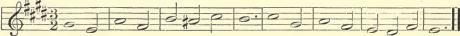
LITTLE THINGS.

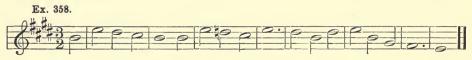


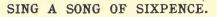
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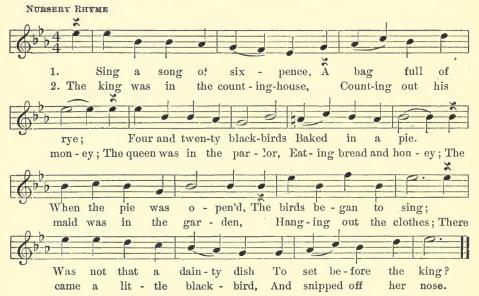


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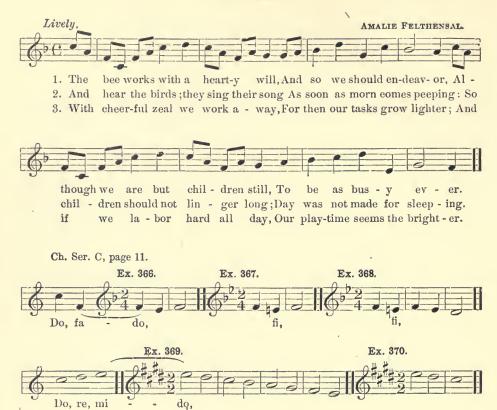








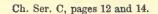
THE BEE.

















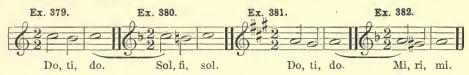






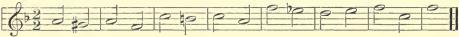


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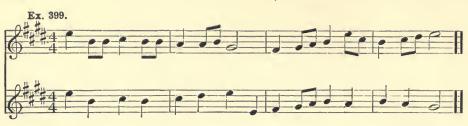
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LITTLE DROP OF DEW.











Songs and their Use.

The songs which appear in this book in connection with the teaching are such as are within the pupil's power to interpret for himself.

The difficulty involved in making such a selection of songs will appear at once when it is considered how far the child's power to interpret symbols lags behind his appreciation of tone and movement. Songs with free strong rhythms and varied tone coloring are desirable as rote songs and serve a very definite purpose in the development of the aesthetic sense, but such songs by reason of their notation must be withheld from the reading material till the pupil has mastered the element they contain.

Nothing can be more retarding to a proper development than to allow the learner habitually to gaze at symbols which he does not understand, while he sings from memory. Unless he be endowed with exceptional power the pupil will soon become impressed with one or both of two erroneous notions, namely; either that the notes are useless or that they form a mystery much too deep for him. Those who have attempted to teach older children who have been thus impressed in the early stages of the work, know how difficult it is to overcome this false impression, and to convince the pupil that the notes are significant and that he can learn to interpret them.

When, however, the systematic development of power has progressed successfully and the use and the significance of the notation is well understood, slight variations and advances on previous teaching may be made.

In the concluding songs in this book we have admitted a slightly advanced development which will be found useful as a stimulant to interest and the means of bringing the previous effort to a full test.

The rhythms here presented are the nearest relatives of those just studied, and the chromatic tones are old friends in a new guise. It is, therefore, expected that these songs will be sung with but very slight assistance from the teacher, and that in addition to these, the first section of the book will become available for sight material, and will receive a more artistic interpretation than was possible when the singing was guided by memory alone.

BUNNY RABBIT.

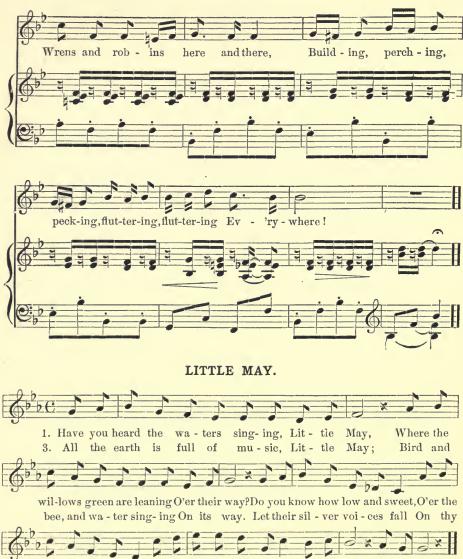


DOWN BY A SHINING WATER WELL.

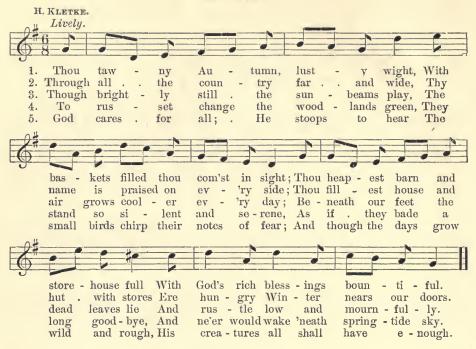


WRENS AND ROBINS.





peb-bles at their feet, Are the words the waves repeat, Night and day, Night and day? heart with happy call : "Praise the Lord, who loveth all, Night and day, Night and day." AUTUMN.



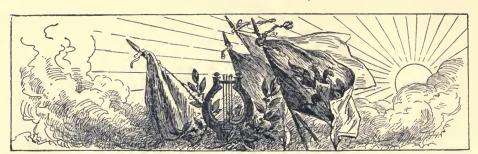
SING, SING, LILY BELLS RING.





AMERICA.





PRAISE THE LORD.



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore Him!Praise Him, an - gels in the 2. Praise the Lord, for He is glo-rious; Nev - er shall His prom-ise



height; Sun and moon, re-joice be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of fail; God hath made His saints vic - to - rious, Sin and death shall not pre-



light! Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken; Worlds his might-y voice o-beyed. vail. Praise the God of our sal - va-tion, Hosts on high, His pow'r pro-claim;



Laws which nev - er shall be bro-ken, For their guid-ance He hath made. Heav'n and earth, and all cre-a-tion, Laud and mag-ni - fy His name.

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